

# **“LETTING YOU KNOW”**

*The Illinois Department of Transportation is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects which we believe will be of interest to you.*

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## **AUTHORIZATION TO BID REQUIREMENT:**

All contractors must be registered or submit evidence of application with the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) prior to obtaining authorization to bid. IDHR numbers are valid for a five-year period and then must be renewed previous to their expiration date to remain in effect. It appears that many prequalified contractors' IDHR numbers are due to expire or may already have expired before the March 11, 2005 Letting. If a contractor does not have proof of a current IDHR number, they will not be granted authorization to bid.

To re-register, contractors must file an Employer Report Form (IDHR PC-1) with IDHR. A form can be obtained in one of the following ways: telephone the IDHR Public Contracts Unit at (312) 814-2431, Monday-Friday, between 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., central time (TDD: (312) 263-1579); download the form from the internet at [www.state.il.us/dhr](http://www.state.il.us/dhr); or write to the Illinois Department of Human Rights, Public Contracts Unit, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 10-100, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

## **APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING CERTIFICATION:**

On the January 21, 2005 Letting, **several bidders did not complete paragraph K. Apprenticeship and Training Certification** which caused their bids to be declared non-responsive and not read. Please refer to the Special Notice located in this Bulletin.

**It is imperative that this and all areas of the bidding documents be submitted correctly and completely.**

## **DUST CONTROL:**

Contractors bidding projects in Non-Attainment Areas and Maintenance Areas should take note that dust control per Article 107.36 will be required. Please refer to the Special Notice and maps in this Bulletin. A link has also been added on the Doing Business page under the section **Construction Guides** on the internet site <http://www.dot.state.il.us/dobuisns.html>.



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**ANNUAL JOINT  
PAINTING  
CONTRACTORS/IDOT  
INSPECTORS' MEETING:**

This year's annual joint Painting Contractors/IDOT Inspectors' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2005 from 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the IDOT Training Center located at 3215 Executive Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Springfield, Illinois, (south of the IDOT central office).

Topics of discussion will include: A Program Update, SSPC Certification Update, Various District Project Experiences, Non-Hazardous Waste Disposal, etc., and an open discussion to address any other issues of interest.

A letter with more details, along with directions to the Training Center and a map, was sent out to all Registered Painting Contractors. Any questions should be directed to Gary Kowalski at (217) 785-2914, or you can email him at KowalskiGM@dot.il.gov.

**SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
DBE/EEO/OJT  
CONSULTANTS:**

The department offers a variety of assistance to DBE firms through its Supportive Services Consultants. All contractors may receive assistance from Supportive Services Consultants for meeting their OJT and EEO goals. The current listing of Supportive Services Consultants for these services may be found in the Special Notice Regarding Disadvantaged Business Enterprises located in this Bulletin.

**CONSTRUCTION  
MANUAL  
SUBSCRIPTION  
SERVICE:**

The central Bureau of Construction has implemented an open subscription service for *Construction Manual* updates. After registration, users will be notified, via email, of Addendum to the manual. The *Construction Manual* Subscription Service has been set up on the internet and can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.dot.il.gov/cmanss/menu.asp>. Please direct questions regarding this service to the central Bureau of Construction at (217) 782-2760.

**AVERAGE ANNUAL  
EQUIPMENT  
OWNERSHIP EXPENSE  
MANUAL:**

The *2004 Average Annual Equipment Ownership Expense Manual* will remain in effect until further notice.

**PROFILE EQUIPMENT  
VALIDATION PROGRAM:**

The Bureau of Materials and Physical Research will be establishing a Profile Equipment Validation Program. This program will require all profile equipment used on projects incorporating the 0.00-inch blanking band profilograph testing to be validated on test tracks. Validation testing is tentatively scheduled between April and early May 2005. As the details of the program are finalized, more announcements will follow.

**STAY INFORMED!**

Keep in touch with your representative on the IDOT/Industry Policy Committee and IDOT/Industry Joint Co-op Committee.